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photoelectric device

They may be photoemissive, photoconductive, or photovoltaic. Photoemissive Cells Encyclopædia Britannica, Inc. Encyclopædia Britannica, Inc. A photoemissive cell, commonly known as a phototube, makes use of the photoelectric effect, the phenomenon

Recent Facts about Photovoltaics in Germany

Germany is leaving the age of fossil fuel behind. In building a sustainable energy future, photovoltaics is going to have an important role. The following summary consists of the most recent facts, figures and findings and shall assist in forming an overall assessment of

solar energy

Solar energy is light, heat, and other forms of energy given off by the Sun. Solar energy can be collected and used to heat buildings and to make electricity. Solar Heating... Choose a language from the menu above to view a computer-translated version of this page.

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Photovoltaics Solar Cells Article References Alternative Energy Tutorials. (2019, August). Solar Cell I-V Characteristic and Solar I-V Curves. Retrieved from Alternative Energy Tutorials American Chemical Society. (n.d.). Energy from the Sun. Retrieved September 4

Solar explained

Solar photovoltaic (PV) devices, or solar cells, convert sunlight directly into electricity. Small PV cells can power calculators, watches, and other small electronic devices. Larger solar cells are grouped in PV panels, and PV panels are connnected in arrays that

Photoelectric effect , Definition, Examples, & Applications , Britannica

Photoelectric effect, phenomenon in which electrically charged particles are released from or within a material when it absorbs electromagnetic radiation. The effect is often defined as the ejection of electrons from a metal when light falls on it. Learn more about the photoelectric effect in this article.

Decarbonization potential of floating solar photovoltaics on

Floating photovoltaics represent a promising alternative to land-based solar panels. A large-scale analysis, comprising 1 million water bodies worldwide, shows that floating photovoltaics could

Photothermal device , technology , Britannica

Other articles where photothermal device is discussed: electromagnetic radiation: Visible radiation: In photothermal devices, sunlight is used to heat a substance, as, for example, water, to produce steam with which to drive a generator. Photovoltaic devices, on the other hand, convert the energy in sunlight directly to electricity by use of the photovoltaic effect in a semiconductor...

Amorphous silicon solar cell , photovoltaic device , Britannica

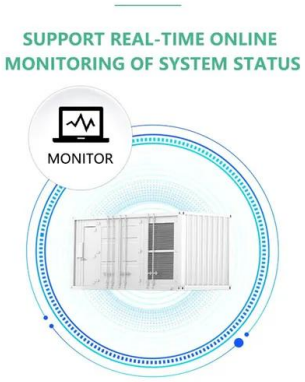
Other articles where amorphous silicon solar cell is discussed: thin-film solar cell: Types of thin-film solar cells: Amorphous silicon thin-film cells are the oldest and most mature type of thin-film. They are made of noncrystalline silicon, unlike typical solar-cell wafers. Amorphous silicon is cheaper to manufacture than crystalline silicon and most other semiconducting materials. ...

geothermal energy

Geothermal energy is heat energy within Earth that can be captured and harnessed for electrical power generation, space heating and cooling, and various direct uses. Worldwide, the annual low-grade heat flow to the surface of Earth averages between 50 and 70 milliwatts (mW) per square meter.

Solar panel , Definition & Facts , Britannica

Solar cell, any device that directly converts the energy of light into electrical energy through the photovoltaic effect. The majority of solar cells are fabricated from silicon--with increasing ...



Advances in organic photovoltaic cells: a comprehensive review ...

2.1. Historical overview of the evolution of PV cell technology The history of PV cells can be traced back to the late 19th century, when the French physicist Alexandre-Edmond Bec-querel discovered the phenomenon of the photovoltaic effect.18,19 He observed that certain materials, when exposed to

CIGS solar cell , Advantages, Applications & Efficiency , Britannica

CIGS solar cell, thin-film photovoltaic device that uses semiconductor layers of copper indium gallium selenide (CIGS) to absorb sunlight and convert it into electricity. Although CIGS solar cells are considered to be in the early stages of large-scale commercialization, they can be ...

Thin-film solar cell , Definition, Types, & Facts , Britannica

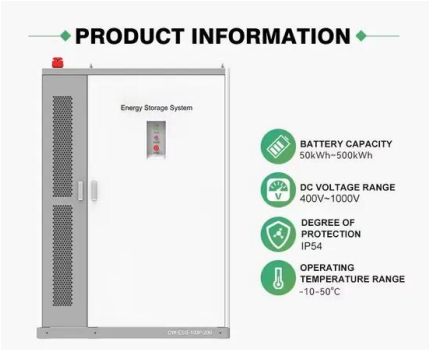
Thin-film solar cell, type of device that is designed to convert light energy into electrical energy (through the photovoltaic effect) and is composed of micron-thick photon-absorbing material layers deposited over a flexible substrate. Learn more about thin-film solar cells in this article.

[cadmium telluride solar cell]

Ask the Chatbot a Question Ask the Chatbot a Question cadmium telluride solar cell, a photovoltaic device that produces electricity from light by using a thin film of cadmium telluride (CdTe). CdTe solar cells differ from crystalline silicon photovoltaic technologies in that they use a smaller amount of semiconductor--a thin film--to convert absorbed light energy into electrons.

Solar energy , Definition, Uses, Advantages, & Facts , Britannica

Solar energy is commonly used for solar water heaters and house heating. The heat from solar ponds enables the production of chemicals, food, textiles, warm greenhouses, ...

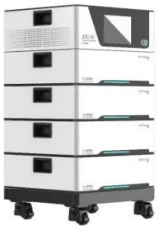


Solar tracker , Definition & Facts , Britannica

Solar tracker, a system that positions an object at an angle relative to the Sun. The most-common applications for solar trackers are positioning photovoltaic (PV) panels (solar panels) so that they remain perpendicular to the Sun's rays and positioning space telescopes so ...

Selenium cell , Photovoltaic, Solar Energy & Electrochemical , Britannica

Selenium cell, photoelectric device used to generate or control an electric current. Selenium photocells are commonly used in photographic-exposure meters, burglar alarms, electronic-door opening and counting devices, electronic control systems ...

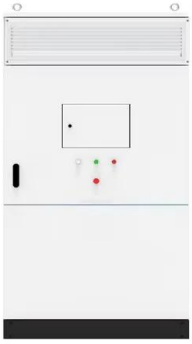


Photovoltaic exposure meter , photography , Britannica

Other articles where photovoltaic exposure meter is discussed: exposure meter: ...were of the self-generating, or photovoltaic, type, in which a selenium element converted the incoming light directly into an electric current. A microammeter measured this current and was calibrated to indicate the intensity of the light. Exposure was then set by adjusting dials to control aperture ...

Photovoltaic effect

The photovoltaic effect is the generation of voltage and electric current in a material upon exposure to light. It is a physical phenomenon. [1] The photovoltaic effect is closely related to the photoelectric effect. For both phenomena, light is ...

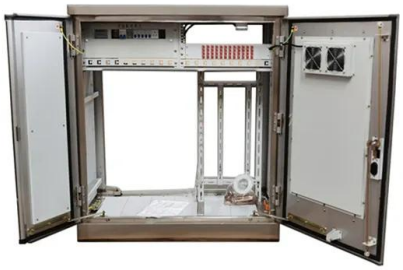


Photovoltaics

Photovoltaics (PV) is the conversion of light into electricity using semiconducting materials that exhibit the photovoltaic effect, a phenomenon studied in physics, photochemistry, and electrochemistry.

Building-integrated photovoltaics (BIPVs) , Britannica

Building-integrated photovoltaics (BIPVs), photovoltaic cells and thin-film solar cells that are integral components of a building. Building-integrated photovoltaics (BIPVs) simultaneously serve conventional structural functions--as exteriors, windows, or rooftops--while



Selenium , Uses in Electronics, Health Benefits

Selenium, a chemical element in the oxygen group (Group 16 [VIa] of the periodic table), closely allied in chemical and physical properties with the elements sulfur and tellurium. Selenium is rare, composing approximately 90 parts per billion of the crust of Earth.

Antoine-César Becquerel , French physicist , Britannica

Other articles where Antoine-César Becquerel is discussed: solar cell: Development of solar cells: ...the work of French physicist Antoine-César Becquerel in 1839. Becquerel discovered the photovoltaic effect while experimenting with a solid electrode in an electrolyte solution; he observed that voltage developed when light fell upon the electrode. About 50 years later, ...

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Photovoltaics

Photovoltaics (PVs) are arrays of cells containing a solar photovoltaic material that converts solar radiation or energy from the sun into direct current electricity. Due to the growing demand for renewable energy sources, the manufacturing of solar cells and photovoltaic arrays has advanced considerably in recent years, and costs have dropped.

Photoelectric cell , Light Sensors, Solar Panels, Photovoltaic Cells

Photoelectric cell, an electron tube with a photosensitive cathode that emits electrons when illuminated and an anode for collecting the emitted electrons. Various cathode materials are sensitive to specific spectral regions, such as ultraviolet, infrared, or visible light.

Photovoltaic effect

The first demonstration of the photovoltaic effect, by Edmond Becquerel in 1839, used an electrochemical cell. He explained his discovery in Comptes rendus de l'Académie des sciences, "the production of an electric current when two plates of platinum or gold immersed in an acid, neutral, or alkaline solution are exposed in an uneven way to solar radiation."

Photovoltaic device , technology , Britannica

Photovoltaic systems are an attractive alternative to fossil or nuclear fuels for the generation of electricity. Sunlight is free, it does not use up an irreplaceable resource, and its conversion to ...

[solar energy summary , Britannica]

solar energy, Radiation from the Sun that can produce heat, generate electricity, or cause chemical reactions.Solar collectors, such as those used for solar water heating, collect solar radiation and transfer it as heat to a carrier fluid. It can then be used for heating.

Photovoltaic effect , Solar Energy Conversion, Photons

Photovoltaic effect, process in which two dissimilar materials in close contact produce an electrical voltage when struck by light or other radiant energy. Light striking crystals such as silicon or ...

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